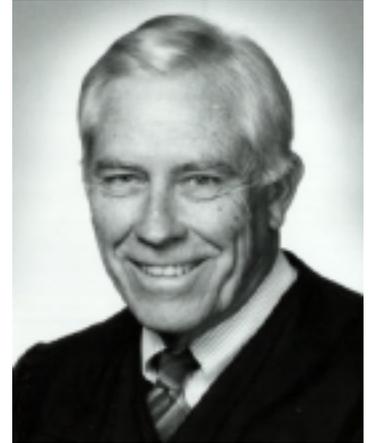




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## *JUDICIAL PROFILE*

**Bernard J. Dougherty** is currently assigned to the Criminal Department. He was appointed to Superior Court in 1983 and was initially assigned to a civil case calendar. However, it is in criminal law where Judge Dougherty has earned accolades for being able to effectively manage trial calendars and handle difficult legal matters. He has spent the majority of his judicial tenure presiding over complex criminal trials,.. He acquired an expertise in criminal law when he served as a public defender from 1967 through 1982. He received both his undergraduate and his law degree from the University of Arizona.



Judge Dougherty is a top-notch trial judge and a well respected jurist. During his long and distinguished career, Judge Dougherty presided over the Arnold vs. Sarn landmark court case involving the rights of the mentally ill to receive medical and psychological treatment. In 1985, he ruled that Arizona and Maricopa County were required under state law to provide a full range of services for the chronically mentally ill. The Arizona Supreme Court later upheld the ruling. He continues to preside over recurring issues stemming from the Arnold vs. Sarn decision. Judge Dougherty also has been an advocate of jury reform and utilizes techniques in his courtroom to help make trials easier for jurors to understand. Before joining the bench, he served on the Madison School Board of Trustees. He is a member of the Maricopa County Bar Association and the State Bar of Arizona.